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SUBJECT: COLOMBIA: DEMARCHE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPORT
REGS FOR SPINY LOBSTER

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(SBU) On January 19 Econoff delivered copies of reftel diplomatic note and points to Director of North American Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Patricia Cortes, Director of International Trade at the Ministry of Commerce Maria Eugenia Mesa, Director of Fisheries at the Ministry of Agriculture Carlos Robbles, Director of Trade at the Ministry of Agriculture Mario Soto, and Advisor to the Vice-Minister of Environment at the Ministry of Environment Giannina Cabarcas. Econoff highlighted the new import regulations as a way to enhance the conservation of Caribbean spiny lobster and improve the effectiveness of law enforcement related to such conservation. The GOC acknowledged receipt of the points, but had no substantive response at this time.
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